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(PATENT)

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In re Patent Application of:
Takashi ISHIZAKA et al.

Application No.: 10/609,413

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Art Unit: 3681

For: CENTRIFUGAL CLUTCH

Examiner: R. H. Bonck

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(SUBMISSION AFTER FINAL REJECTION)

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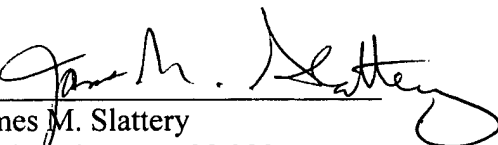
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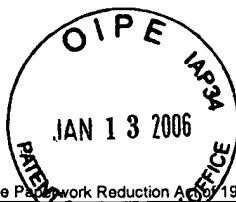
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005		Complete if Known		
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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES								
	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES			
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Application Type	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100		
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65		
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80		
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300		
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0		
							Small Entity	
							Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)							50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)							200	100
Multiple dependent claims							360	180
Total Claims		Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims			
18		- 20 =	x	=	Fee (\$)		Fee Paid (\$)	
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Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1806 Submission of an Information Disclosure Statement							180.00	

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